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17. The metallic plate material for an electric/electronic instrument according to claim 15, wherein

said layer is formed by applying said water thinnable coating material in a top-feed method.

18. An electric/electronic instrument using the metallic plate material according to any of claims 1-3, and 10-14.

19. An electric/electronic instrument using the metallic plate material according to claim 15.

20. An electric/electronic instrument using the metallic plate material according to claim 16.

21. An electric/electronic instrument using the metallic plate material according to claim 17.

REMARKS

The specific changes to the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Preliminary Amendment. On this set of pages the insertions are underlined while the deletions are stricken through.

The claim amendments are not made for patentability purposes, and the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. In addition, such amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

(Amended) 3. The metallic plate material for an electric/electronic instrument according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said resin coating contains a surface-active agent in the amount of 0.5 to 30 mass %.

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